report on the project of bringing the Ganga to Kanpurghat;

(b) if so, whether it approved the said project work;

(c) whether it is a fact that the river shifted its course owing to extensive sand quarry on the Unnao side on the one hand and siltation of the river bed near the city caused by sewage and industrial effluents on the other; and

(d) if so, whether it is also a fact that the State Government did little to arrest the drift?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) A Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chairman, Central Water Commission, submitted a report on "Training of River Ganga at Kanpur" in March, 1988 recommending *inter alia* a provision of a dated barrage with under sluices on both the sides to enable manipulation of flows along both the banks.

(c) and (d) Shifting of river course in alluvial stage is a natural process.

Shifting of Rifampicin from Category-I to Category-II

1460. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4229 given in Rajya Sabha on 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of drug companies who represented to Government for shifting of Rifampicin from Category-I to Category-II;

(b) what is the stage from which each company is producing Rifampicin and what is the foreign exchange involvement in per Kg. of production of Rifampicin;

(c) what was the quantity and value of imports of Rifampicin during 1987 and 1988 upto 31st October, 1988 along with CIF price per Kg. each consignment alongwith source of import;

(d) whether his ministry is monitoring the import of intermediate being used for the production of Rifampicin;

(e) if so, the quantity and value of imports during last three years, yearwise, upto 31st October, 1988; and

(f) what were the grounds taken in the representation by each company requesting for shift of category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a), (b) and (f) M/s Lupin Laboratories had represented to the Directorate General of Health Services requesting for reclassification of Rifampicin from Category I to Category II of the Drugs Prices Control Order, 1987. The Company is manufacturing this drug from the intermediate stage. On their representation, they communicated their plan to manufacture the drug from the basic stage and as it involved heavy investment they requested for a better incentive through reclassification.

(c) According to information available with the Government, the total quantity of Rifampicin imported during 1987 and 1988 is as follows:

Year	CIF value in Rs. Quantity in Kg.	
1987 . . .	1,750	53,63,933
1988 . . . (upto Oct. 1988)	3,775	75,99,297

C.I.F. price per Kg. of each consignment during 1988 source of import is annexed as Statement. (*See* below).

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Source of Import	C.I.F. Price per Kg. in Rs.
China	1907·36
China	2063.60
China	2063·60
China	2049·45
China	2049·46
China	2047·35
China	2049·46
China	2093·86

Setting up of Nuclear Plants with Foreign Collaboration

1461. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether any nuclear power plants are proposed to be set up in the country with foreign collaboration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the capacity and time schedule of the commissioning of each plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu has been selected as the site for location of two units of 1000 MWe pressurised water reactors proposed to be set up in cooperation with USSR. The details regarding time schedule will be finalised in due course of time.

Danger of Food Irradiation

1462. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to dangers of food irradiation as brought out in the September-October, 1988 issue of the Health for Millions, New Delhi; and

(b) whether Government would appoint a fact-finding committee in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Memorandum submitted by AIIMS Doctors

1463. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AIIMS doctors have submitted a Memorandum to Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Some members of the Faculty have submitted a memorandum to the Minister of Health and Family Welfare who is also the President of the Institute asking, *inter alia*, for the redesignation and better promotional avenues for the faculty members. The Academic Committee of the Institute has been requested to give their recommendations in this regard.

Generation of Nuclear Power

1464. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to generate nuclear power on commercial basis;